

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NOS. 11 & 7

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section relating to the right to farm.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2014, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article I of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

1 Section A. Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is amended
2 by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 35, to
3 read as follows:

4 Section 35. That agriculture which provides food, energy,
5 health benefits, and security is the foundation and stabilizing
6 force of Missouri's economy. To protect this vital sector of
7 Missouri's economy, the right of farmers and ranchers to engage
8 in farming and ranching practices shall be forever guaranteed in
9 this state. No state law shall be enacted which abridges the
10 right of farmers and ranchers to engage in agricultural

1 production and ranching practices, unless enacted by the General
2 Assembly. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to
3 abrogate the authority of political subdivisions to exercise
4 powers vested therein by the laws of the state of Missouri.

5 Section B. Pursuant to Chapter 116, RSMo, and other
6 applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state
7 allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the
8 submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this state, the
9 official ballot title of the amendment proposed in Section A
10 shall be as follows:

11 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to ensure
12 that the right of Missouri citizens to engage in
13 agricultural production and ranching practices shall
14 not be infringed?"